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DECLARATION OF LYNN E. SPITLER PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R § 1.132

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Dear Sir:

- I, Lynn E. Spitler, declare as follows:
- I am a coinventor in regard to the above-referenced patent application, and have been supervising clinical trials using antitumor vaccines which contain recombinant human prostate-specific antigen (PSA) as the active ingredient. I am an experienced immunologist and medical doctor. A copy of my curriculum vitae is attached hereto as Exhibit A.
- I note that The Examiner makes the point several times that previous attempts to actively immunize patients with prostate adenocarcinoma cells admixed with adjuvant have shown little or no therapeutic benefit. However, the use of whole tumor cells is not analogous to the use of recombinant protein such as purified PSA. Whole PSA is not represented on the surface of the

tumor cells; thus, the patients would not be expected to be effectively immunized to PSA via this approach. PSA is synthesized within the tumor cells and secreted; therefore, the patients' immune system might be exposed to small amounts of PSA through this approach as some of the tumor cells die and release the internal PSA; these small amounts of antigen would be presented to the immune system in the context of all the other antigens present on and in the tumor cells. This would not be likely to result in an immune response to the PSA. Peptides derived from PSA are present on the surface of the tumor cells, presented in the context of HLA molecules. For these to induce an immune response, it would be expected that they would have to be taken up by the professional antigen presenting cells and represented on the surface of these cells. Again, this would be occurring in the presence of all the other antigens present on and in the tumor cells.

- Thus, one cannot take failure of the approaches using whole tumor cells to indicate that immunization with specific antigens will fail (including antigens overrepresented in the prostate gland, an immunologically effective portion thereof, or an antiidiotypic antibody). Indeed, it is the recognition that the use of pure antigens may represent a more effective means of immunization for cancer therapy which has led to intense activity in this field and numerous clinical trials (Spitler, L.E., Engineered Vaccines for Cancer, *Sixth International Congress on Anti-Cancer Treatment* (1995) Paris, February 6-9, 1996; Spitler, L.E., Cancer Vaccines: The Interferon Analogy, *Cancer Biotherapy* (1995) 10:1-3 (copies attached).
- 4. Clinical trials in a number of patients have been initiated using recombinantly produced human PSA. PSA is a well known glycoprotein with a molecular weight of 33-34 kDa. PSA was cloned, expressed, and produced by large scale suspension cultures of High FiveTM insecT-cells infected with recombinant PSA-baculovirus. PSA has the amino acid sequence:

D L I V G G W E C E K H S Q P W Q V L V
A S R G R A V C G G V L V H P Q W V L T
A A H C I R N K S V I L L G R H S L F H
P E D T G Q V F Q V S H S F P H P L Y D

M S L L K N R F L R P G D D S S H D L M
L L R L S E P A E L T D A V K V M D L P
T Q E P A L G T T C Y A S G W G S I E P
E E F L T P K K L Q C V D L H V I S N D
V C A Q V H P Q K V T K F M L C A G R W
T G G K S T C S G D S G G P L V C N G V
L Q G IT S W G S E Q C A L P E R P S L

PSA was purified from the culture supernatants by affinity chromatography using a monoclonal

antibody specific to PSA and incorporated into liposomes of the following composition:

Each ml. (one dose) contained:

Component	Quantity	
	(mg/ml)	
Prostate Specific Antigen	Approximately 0.10	
Monophosphoryl Lipid A	0.20	
Dimyristoyl phosphatidylcholine	61.01	
Dimyristoyl phosphatidylglycerol	6.89	
Cholesterol	29.00	
Polysorbate 80	0.10*	

Buffer: 20 mM TRIS-glycine in 140 mM NaCl

^{*}Maximum quantity that can be incorporated. The actual amount incorporated is unknown.

- 5. Six (6) patients were immunized with the prostate cancer vaccine described above. Each patient was given 1 ml of the vaccine intramuscularly, divided into 2 sites, on days 0, 30, and 60. An additional two (2) patients have been treated by intravenous administration of the product with the same dose and schedule of administration. All patients were carefully monitored for adverse effects through clinical and laboratory evaluation. No adverse event attributable to the vaccine was observed in any patient. Specifically, there were no adverse events suggesting an autoimmune reaction to cross-reacting antigens.
- 6. Immunologic tests of T and B cell responses were performed before each immunization and 2 weeks after each immunization. Evidence of T-cell immune responses was observed. (Harris, D.T., et al., Active Specific Immunization of Patients with Hormone-refractory Prostate Cancer using OncoVax-PTM, ASCO Proceedings (1996)) (copy enclosed).
- 7. For immunologic testing of patients, a pool of peptides representing CTL epitopes of PSA was used:

Amino Acid Numbers	Sequence	
29-37	VLVHPQWVL	
98-106	MLLRLSEPA	
141-150	FLTPKKLQCV	
146-154	KLQCVDLHV	
154-163	VISNDVCAQV	

Peripheral blood mononuclear cells were harvested at the times indicated and incubated with the PSA peptide pool. On the third day of culture, Interleukin-2 (IL-2) was added. On day 7, the cultures were restimulated with autologous antigen presenting cells and the PSA peptide pool. The cultures were assayed on day 19 to determine the levels of gamma interferon and Interleukin-4 (IL-4) production. Results in the first four patients studied showed an increase in the production of these cytokines in some of the samples after immunization, as compared to before immunization, thus indicating a T-cell response. These results are shown in Exhibit B.

- 8. The foregoing results show that in clinical trials, the vaccine of the invention causes no adverse side effects sufficient to undermine its efficacy and that the vaccine is capable of eliciting an immune response to the PSA antigen mediated by T-cells.
- 9. In more detail, in regard to safety, there were no local reactions at the injection site, no symptoms of prostatitis, no signs of autoimmune disease, no malaise or fevers, and no signs of allergic reactions.
- All of the patients had metastatic disease, had failed hormonal therapy, and had rising levels of PSA at the time of entry into the study.
- 11. As shown in the table below, and in Exhibit B, two of the six patients (patients no. 2 and no. 3) had immulogical responses to PSA and three others had some suggestion of reaction (patients no. 1, no. 4 and no. 5). Lymphocytes from patient no. 2 showed proliferation to PSA and to PSA peptides as well as production of the cytokines γ-interferon and interleukin-4 in response to PSA peptides. The lymphocytes from patient no. 3 showed proliferation in response to PSA in two separate tests and this patient had a positive skin response to PSA. We were not able to measure CTLs directly because the assay is still under development; however, the cytokine production in response to PSA peptide stimulation shown in two patients is correlated with CTL development. The following table summarizes the results obtained. N.T. refers to not tested.

Immulogic Responses Summary							
Patient #	PSA Skin Test	Lympho #1 PSA	Lympho #2 PSA	Lympho Peptide	Cytokine Gamma IFN	Cytokine IL-4	Antibody
1. AW	-	-	-	+/-	-	+	0
2. ЛН	N.T.	+	-	+	+	+	0
3. MD	+	+	+	-	-	+/-	+/-
4. MED	-	N.T.	-	-	+/-	-	0
5. HN	-	N.T.	+/-	_	N.T.	N.T.	0
6. JLB	-	N.T.	-	-	N.T.	N.T.	0

Exhibit C contains copies of overhead transparencies prepared for formal presentation of results of the clinical study.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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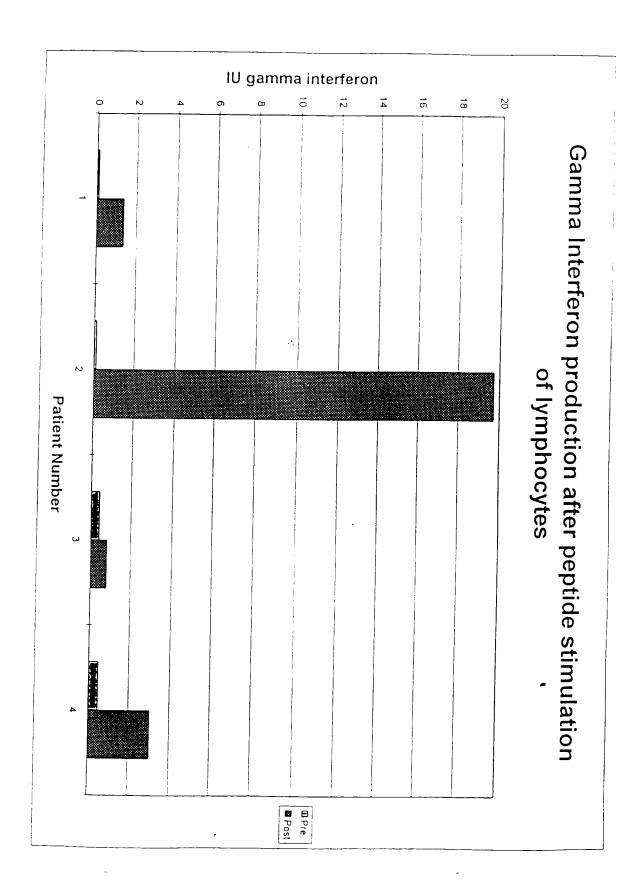
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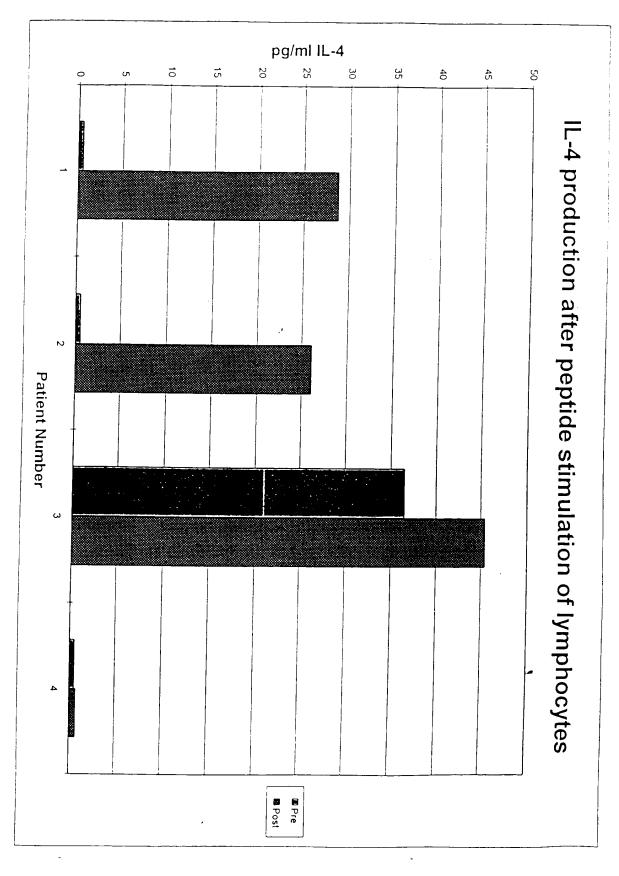


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